

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action of January 4, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are Applicant's response thereto. Claims 7-14, 23-43 and 47-51 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 26-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,628,934 to Pohndorf *et al.* (Pohndorf). Claims 7-14, 23-25 and 47-51 were indicated as being allowed.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter and has amended the rejected claims in a manner that is believed to bring all claims into condition for allowance.

Amendments to the Drawings

Figure 1 was amended to include a label for the lead 30, which was referenced in the specification as filed on pg. 1, ¶ 2. No new matter was added.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification was amended to correct noted typographical errors. No new matter was added. Entry of these minor changes is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 23, 24, 26 and 51 are amended. Claims 23 and 24 were amended to improve the form of the claims, however no change in the scope of the claims was believed made nor intended. Claim 26 has been amended to recite the feature "wherein the extension unit comprises an extension unit housing not in contact with the distant housing of the implantable pulse generator." A similar feature is recited in claim 47, thus this amendment adds no new matter. Claim 51 was amended to correspond to the amendments made to claim 26 and to improve form.

Rejection under 35 USC §102 – Pohndorf

Claims 26-44 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Pohndorf. While not agreeing with the Examiner's position regarding the definition of distant, claim 26 has been amended. Consequentially, to the extent that such a feature was not inherent to claim 26, claim 26 now positively recite the feature of "wherein the extension unit comprises an extension

unit housing not in contact with the distant housing of the implantable pulse generator.” In view of this amendment, claim 26, as well as the claims that depend from claim 26, are believed to be in allowable condition.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In summary, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims and a finding of their allowability. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Please feel free to contact the undersigned should any questions arise with respect to this case that may be addressed by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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